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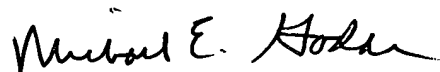
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The examiner's attention is directed to the "Tap Connectors" shown at the bottom of page 42 of the Milbank catalog reference. As illustrated, each connector appears to include several parts, namely, a flat body which apparently is formed to have a sliding fit on a U-shaped base (not shown), a cubic member fastened atop the flat body, a large set screw threaded through a hole in the flat body, presumably for contact with a conductor in the base, and a small set screw threaded into the cubic member, presumably for contact with a neutral wire at a location above the base when the connector is installed on the base.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(h) and MPEP 2129, the mere listing of the Milbank catalog reference in the attached PTO/SB/08A is not an admission that the reference is prior art with respect to the claims of the above-referenced application.

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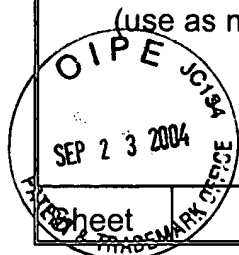
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